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UNIVERSITY DECREE

State restricts pvt universities from conducting their own entrance exams for seats reserved outside govt quota for professional courses

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CLAIM VS REALITY

Citizen activists challenge BBMP claim that over 20 lakh property records in city digitised, say not even 1% e-khatas issued

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Frauds turning out to be full-blown productions — with people sticking to script that involves tension, action & playing with emotions. It has characters such as cops, officials, all turned out in full costume

SCAM DRAMA: FIVE-ACT PLAY

No matter how official these calls seem, take it with a pinch of salt

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is known to us as the vanguard of consumer protection in the telecommunication sector, but off late, scamsters have started misusing the authority's name to make a quick buck. As of September 15, as many as 48 cases involving the misuse of authorities' names have been reported in Bengaluru, which is a huge leap from the mere eight such cases documented in the whole of 2023.

The scheme involves people impersonating officials from any agency (in this case TRAI), to trick their victims into believing that their mobile numbers are at risk of being blocked for illegal activities. On Sunday, a concerned citizen shared their harrowing experience of almost falling prey to one such scam.

The fraudulent call

The victim received an automated voice call from a number. The recorded message warned that their mobile number would be blocked within two hours unless they pressed 9 for more information. Worried and seeking clarity, the individual complied, unknowingly stepping into the well-laid trap of the scammers.

The automated call was swiftly followed by a conversation with someone pretending to be from TRAI's Telecom Division. The scammer claimed that a complaint had been lodged against the victim's Aadhaar-linked mobile number for sending harassing texts and engaging in illegal advertising.

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> **TRAI has clarified that it never calls or sends messages asking for verification of mobile numbers, reporting illegal activities, or threatening disconnection**
> — Alok Mohan, chief of police, in an X post

Case of the missing rain

Gunjur Palya Lake did not receive any water from recent rains as during restoration, BBMP depts forget to link it to stormwater drains

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The development Gunjur Palya Lake has turned out to be a case study on how tax-payers' money is being squandered due to lack of coordination between Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department and the Storm Water Drains Department.

Gunjur Palya Lake was one of the 27 lakes developed under Chief Minister's Nagarothana grants allocated to the BBMP for the year 2020-21. However, after this year's monsoon, the folly of restoration became obvious when the lake received no rain water at all as all the agencies involved had forgotten to build any storm water drains for the lake.

The residents of nearby residential apartment complexes were very happy when the rejuvenation of the lake commenced more than a year ago and was completed recently. They said the BBMP Lakes

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Art exhibit

Calling all art lovers! Embark on a journey through a rich tapestry of multi disciplinary artworks that transcend geographical boundaries, offering a fresh and compelling narrative of contemporary Indian art. Explore the captivating artworks from 15 diverse states of 30 emerging artists from an ongoing exhibition, "Unknowns 8," which is now on display at Dwija Art Gallery.
Where: Dwija Art Gallery, Residency Road. When: Until September 22, 11:30 am to 6 pm

02 Folklore & fairytales

Join Geeta Ramanujam the Master Storyteller as she whisks you away to faraway lands to explore the magical mysteries of nature with the launch of her third book, "How and Why Tales," and get our signed copy too. Why do nightingales sing at night? How did the moon get its craters? Find out at a storytelling session with Ramanujan.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: September 22, 12:30 pm

2-day B-SHIP expo begins today

With stalls ranging from garments, office stationery, lifestyle, home furniture, makeup, healthcare, electronics, and accessories, the B-SHIP Expo will be taking place at Shubh Convention Centre, JP Nagar 7th Phase, on Saturday and Sunday. Over 200 stalls will display various products and services, offering a wide range for shoppers. The expo is designed to bring together entrepreneurs, business leaders, and professionals from different industries within the Arya Vysya community. This two-day event will include learning sessions and entertainment, providing a complete experience for exhibitors and visitors. The event will be graced by Sri Sri Sri Sachidananda Saraswathi Swamiji. Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister for MSME & MP for Bengaluru North, will be the chief guest. Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya and Bommanahalli MLA Sathish Reddy will also attend the event. B-SHIP Bharath leadership will be represented by Nagaraj Bysani, President, and Sridhar SR, Chairman, along with other EC members of B-SHIP Bharath. — BMB

Government aim: One state, one entrance test

State govt imposes restrictions on private universities for seats reserved outside govt quota for professional courses, directs only entrance exams like CET, JEE, COMED-K, JEE, GATE to be considered for admissions

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The state government has now imposed restrictions on private universities in Karnataka, preventing them from conducting their own entrance exams for seats reserved outside the government quota for professional courses like engineering and architecture. Instead, it has directed that only entrance exams conducted by state-recognised bodies, such as CET (Common Entrance Test), COMED-K (Consortium of Medical, Engineering & Dental Colleges of Karnataka), JEE (Joint Entrance Examination), and GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering), should be considered for admissions. Private universities have also agreed to this decision.

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said, "As many as 17 private universities offering professional courses in the state have agreed to this decision during discussions with the government. Since the admission process for the academic year 2024-25 is nearly complete, this regulation will come into effect from the AY 2025-26. Each year, before the admission process begins, universities must inform the government which entrance exam results they will consider as valid criteria for admissions. I want to clarify that the government's goal is to reduce the burden on students, who currently have to take multiple entrance exams for the same course, and to ensure there is no ambiguity in the admission process.

Seat allocation

At present, private universities allocate 40% of seats to the government quota. The remaining 60% of seats, which include management and NRI quotas, are filled either through candidates who have taken other entrance exams or, in some cases, through the universities' own entrance tests.

Students' reaction

Anirudh Sharma, a student, opined that having a single entrance exam would greatly simplify the process for all students. It would not only save time but also help level the playing field, as all students would be evaluated under the same conditions.

"Right now, juggling multiple exams creates unnecessary stress and confusion. With a unified exam, we could streamline our study schedules, allowing us to focus our efforts on mastering the material rather than dividing our attention among different formats and syllabi. A single exam could lead to more standardised results, making the admissions process fairer and more transparent. Additionally, it would reduce the financial burden of multiple application fees and preparation costs," Sharma added.

Fee regulation committee for private colleges

For non-government seats in private colleges, the government does not directly regulate the fees. To address this, a committee led by a retired judge will be formed to oversee admission and fee regulation. Universities will have to adhere to the fees determined by this committee.

'With a unified exam, students' could streamline their study schedules, allowing them to focus on a standardised syllabus'

Uniform timetable for admissions, exams and results

Previously, universities had their own separate schedules for admissions, exams, and result announcements. From the AY 2025-26 onwards, a uniform timetable for admissions, exams, and result announcements will be strictly implemented across all universities in the state, announced Dr Sudhakar. For this year, some universities have been given extensions for certain deadlines. The standardised timetable has already been released by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council, and all universities must comply from the next academic year.

SC seeks report over HC judge's controversial remarks

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The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the controversial comments made by a judge of the Karnataka High Court during hearings, which were captured in video clips. A five-judge bench, led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, assembled to address the issue and passed an order seeking a report from the Karnataka HC.

CJI Chandrachud informed Attorney General for India R Venkataramani that the reason for the assembly was due to the "gratuitous comments made by a judge of the Karnataka HC, the videos of which are now getting circulated." The Court also suggested laying down some basic guidelines in response to the incident.

Two video clips of Justice Vedavyasachar Srishananda surfaced on social media, in which he was seen making objectionable remarks: referring to an area in Bengaluru "Pakistan," and stating inappropriate comments to a woman advocate. The Court directed the Registrar General of the HC to submit a report after seeking administrative directions from the CJ of the Karnataka HC. The judge's remarks, which were livestreamed, drew criticism from several social media users, including prominent lawyers.The CJI further emphasised, "In this age of social media, we are closely watched, and we have to act accordingly."

"Currently, the country is witnessing many atrocities targeting the Muslim community in various ways. In such a case, we are worried that such opinions coming from the court may lead to deterioration of harmony among people," a statement by Jagruta Nagarikaru Karnataka said. PUCL-Karnataka and All India Lawyers Association for Justice (AILAJ) expressed their shock towards the remarks. They noted the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct state that the "behaviour and conduct of a judge must reaffirm the people's faith in the integrity of the judiciary" and require that a judge "shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct, manifest bias or prejudice towards any person or group on irrelevant grounds."

"In both these instances, Justice Srishananda has displayed a troubling disregard for his oath pledging allegiance to the Constitution. His statements are a cause of enormous concern for their impact on the people's faith in the judiciary and judicial process. In the context of live-streaming, it is necessary that judges exercise due restraint and responsibility in the observations that are made in the course of proceedings. We hope and trust that circumspection shall be exercised in the future," the statement read.

Engg student caught filming in girls' loo

A 21-year-old engineering student was arrested on Friday for allegedly placing a mobile phone in the women's washroom at a ACS college of Engineering in Kumbalgodu, located on Mysore Road in the Ramanagara district. The incident came to light after students discovered the young man, identified as Kushal, inside the washroom with his phone positioned to record them. The accused has been identified as a fourth year computer science engineering at the same college and a resident of Bengaluru.

Police said a girl student in the washroom, heard the sound of a phone. Growing suspicious, she knocked, and when there was no response, they forced the door open and caught him red-handed.The students promptly reported it to the college principal and organised a protest on campus to raise awareness about the violation. Kushal has been charged under Section 77 (Voyeurism) of the BNS and IT Act. **BMB**

Video game gambling racket busted; 7 held

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bangalore Police officers seized 35,550 in cash and 16 video game machines used for gambling and arrested seven individuals involved in an illegal video game gambling racket in the Marathahalli area.

Acting on a tip-off, the Special Investigation Squad raided a house located on the main road within Marathahalli police station limits on Thursday. The accused allegedly took money from the public and customers, offering them access to video games in exchange for illegal bets.

The seven arrested individuals were caught red-handed during the raid. Two additional suspects, believed to be the owners of the operation, are currently absconding, and efforts are underway to apprehend them. The arrested individuals and the seized cash and machines, have been handed to Marathahalli Police Station. **BMB**

Traffic cop's timely save averts tragedy

A potentially life-threatening situation was averted on afternoon on Thursday, when a BMTC bus driver developed sudden chest pain while driving near Double Road in Shanti Nagar. The driver Viresh was operating the bus with 45 passengers on board.

As the bus slowed down unexpectedly, Halasuru Traffic ASI R Raghukumar noticed the vehicle's erratic movement and rushed to investigate. Upon approaching the bus, he found Viresh leaning to one side, clutching his chest. Recognising the urgency of the situation, ASI Raghukumar quickly applied the hand brake to bring the bus to a complete stop.

With presence of mind, the traffic officer did not wait for an ambulance. Along with Ashoka Nagar traffic staff member Prasannakumar, they transported the driver to a hospital. Thanks to the quick response, Viresh's condition was stabilised and he is expected to recover without any lasting harm. **BMB**

Lorry accident throws ORR traffic off gear for hours

Traffic jostles for space with Metro work on ORR (file photo)

10-wheeler crashes into barricade at Metro work site, blocks off service road near Kempapura

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Commuters navigating the bustling Outer Ring Road met an unexpected obstacle on Friday after a 10-wheeler lorry lost control at 7 am and collided with a Metro construction barricade on the service road near Kempapura. The accident caused a traffic jam stretching up to 10 km along the Nagawara-Hebbal route, resulting in significant delays for commuters.

The lorry veered off the road and struck the barricade, blocking the service road entirely. As police and two earthmovers arrived to clear the wreckage, frustrated commuters found themselves trapped for over an hour, unable to move.

Many resorted to unconventional yet creative tactics to get past. Some started to push their vehicles beneath the lorry, while bikers maneuvered around the accident site, creating an additional safety risk.

The Traffic Police had previously issued a press note on August 2, prohibiting heavy goods vehicles from moving between 7 am and 11 am, and from 4 pm to 10 pm to ensure smoother traffic flow during peak hours. However, despite the driver not being on the road at a peak hour, the traffic jam after the accident has reignited discussions about the ongoing challenges of managing heavy vehicle traffic in the city.

Social media lit up with updates from commuters. One user on X posted, "Please fix it at the earliest. Have been stuck for almost an hour." Another user said,"I've been here for 1 hour and 30 minutes;

Heavy vehicle was on the road before 7 am, but accident caused problems for hours after

kindly clear it quickly in case something happens." P Singh (@singh2012pSingh), a X user, reported heavy congestion on the ORR near Thanisandra, heading towards Hebbal. After honking and peering out to identify the cause of the delay, many began tagging officials and tweeting about the situation.

Hebbal traffic officials indicated that the lorry driver was trying to avoid a car that was being driven in a rash manner. In attempting to make a right turn, the driver lost control, it is said.

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E-khata transition leaves property owners perplexed

BBMP's announcement on digital records causes confusion, prompting concerns about requiring GPS data without necessary documents

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The announcement by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner regarding the implementation of digital e-khatas from September 30 has created confusion among property owners in the city. The BBMP has stated that it has digitised over 20 lakh property records to facilitate a fully online, faceless, and contactless e-khata system. Under the new system, BBMP staff will visit properties to capture GPS coordinates, which are mandatory for obtaining the BBMP e-khata. The new initiative is expected to reduce corruption among the BBMP revenue department employees.

BH Veeresha of the Mahithi Hakku Adhyayana Kendra, in a letter to State Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, stated that a study conducted by the centre reveals that not even one per cent of the e-khatas have been issued by the BBMP to date. "The claim made by the BBMP Chief Commissioner that all 21 lakh properties have been digitised is completely false and misleading. It is strange to note that the Stamps and Registration Department has issued a notification that only e-khata properties shall be registered with effect from 23-09-2023 by the sub-registrars. Issuing notification without proper preparation will certainly stop property registration in the city," said Veeresha in the letter. Yatish M, a resident of Jayanagar, described the Karnataka government's recent decision to make e-khata mandatory for property registration as a commendable step toward digitisation.

However, he expressed his belief that it is not practical to enforce this requirement immediately on ordinary citizens."Many properties are still in the process of having their records fully transferred to khata, and this mandate may impose undue hardship on property owners, especially those facing financial constraints. I urge the government to consider extending the timeline for the e-khata transition. This would allow more time for property owners to update their records without disrupting their ability to buy or sell properties during this period. A more flexible approach would greatly benefit those who are already struggling with economic challenges," said Yatish.

> **"How can they issue e-khatas online solely based on GPS data without other details such as sale deed, photograph, PAN ?** – Property owner

BBMP has digitsed over 20 lakh property records for fully online, contactless e-khata system, which requires GPS data from properties

A property owner, speaking on the condition of anonymity, stated that the BBMP Chief Commissioner's press release discusses the contactless, faceless online delivery of e-khatas, while another BBMP message mentions GPS as a measure to prevent fraudulent property claims. "How can they issue e-khatas online solely based on GPS data without other necessary details such as the sale deed, the owner's photograph, father's name, PAN, and other required information?" the property owner asked.

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil said the BBMP is sending its team to capture GPS of each house/property in the city. "As our team already has a list of properties in their mobile app, citizens just have to cooperate to identify his/her property in that list so that GPS is tagged to the correct property in the list. Our jurisdictional tax inspector is coming, and he will be able to identify the owners of many properties. Soon we will release the Citizen Module of the GPS mobile app and citizens can then upload their GPS," said Munish Moudgil.

He said that the e-khata online application will be released later and it will allow citizens to sit at home and upload all requirements and obtain e-khata. "Property owners have to wait for that software to roll out," he said.

Child rights grama sabhas proposed twice annually

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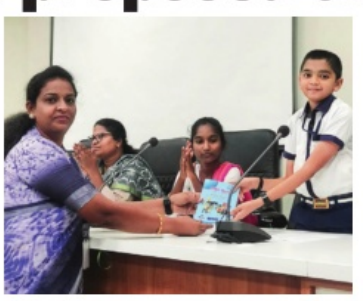
The state-level convention on child rights has proposed holding child rights grama sabhas twice a year instead of once. Currently, these grama sabhas take place in November to discuss welfare schemes and facilities for children in rural areas. The one-day convention held on Wednesday in Bengaluru recommended organising child rights grama sabhas twice a year, involving all stakeholders to discuss the implementation of decisions made at village sabhas focused on children's welfare in rural areas. It also suggested incorporating child rights grama sabhas into the curriculum to raise awareness among children about democracy and their rights.

Panchayat Raj Deputy Director Nagaveni inaugurated the convention. Addressing the convention, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Venkatesh said that all the government departments have to take notice of the children's conditions and measures have to be taken to fix the problems and redress grievances of children in rural areas. "The local bodies should consider children as their citizens. I urge the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to issue a circular this year instructing all officials to hold a Gram Sabha on child rights," he said.

Meanwhile, panchayat members who attended the convention have pledged to support children in rural areas. H Kumaraswami, a member of Metri Village Panchayat, said that he would like to work for the welfare of children. "Previously, we collaborated with Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) to protect vulnerable children in our area. Unfortunately, CWCs are now defunct, leaving us struggling to support these children. We urgently need dedicated officers and active local advocates to ensure children's rights. Regrettably, child labour persists in our area, with children being transported in autos for work. Education and participation rights are essential for their empowerment," said Kumaraswami.



A book of success stories was released at the state-level convention on child rights' grama sabhas

> **Convention suggests including child rights grama sabhas in school curriculum to promote awareness**

Pampaiah, a gram panchayat member, said that he would suggest the installation of children's demand boxes at every gram panchayat. Athmiya K, a child from Peruvayi village in Dakshina Kannada, stated that he learnt a lot about child rights and POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences). "We demanded a toilet at our school. We got it. We want to meet child-friendly police shortly," said Athmiya.

Shivanand Malvada, Dodduru Gram Panchayat Officer, said that he has taken measures to ensure a canteen, pink toilet, and playground at schools in Gadag district.

Vasudeva Sharma, Executive Director of Child Rights Trust said the convention was very useful to know how effectively gram panchayats have been working for the welfare of children in rural areas. "A book of selected success stories was released at the convention," he said.

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Road troubles

Jayanagar

The road condition on Mountain Road, near Madhavan Park in Byrasandra, Jayanagar 1st Block, is extremely poor.

Footpath woes

Richmond Road

A corner-turning footpath adjacent to Baldwin School on Richmond Road is in poor condition and is causing significant inconvenience. This issue has persisted for several months.

Sidewalk absence

Marathahalli

There is no proper footpath along this stretch of Marathahalli Main Road.

Hopital fire

Family alleges negligence, police say man died of shock

Hospital yet to respond to wife's claim that she got 'unsatisfactory response' when she contacted them

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A day after a man died during the fire incident at MS Ramaiah, the family has alleged that his death was a result of negligence on the part of the hospital management. They have filed a formal complaint, seeking legal action against the hospital's management, alleging that the fire accident was responsible for his death.

A patient identified as Panicker Sujay, being treated for pneumonia and H1-N1, had recently been moved from the intensive care unit (ICU) to the critical care unit (CCU) as his condition was improving. According to his wife, when she contacted the hospital management after learning about the fire at around 1:00 pm, she did not receive a satisfactory response. Finally, she was allowed to visit the CCU at around 4:30 pm, only to find that her husband had passed away.

The family is calling for a thorough investigation and has urged authorities to take immediate legal action against the hospital for its role in the incident. The police sources suspected the death was out of shock and panic; however, further investigations are underway.

As of now, the hospital has not released an official statement addressing the allegations, but it has released an official statement on the fire breakout. "A fire broke out at the cardiac critical care unit on the third floor of the hospital on Thursday. Our immediate priority was the safety of our patients and caregivers. As soon as Code Red was called, all patients were swiftly evacuated to another safe location within the hospital premises," the statement said.

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation, though preliminary reports suggested that it may have been caused by a short circuit in the hospital's electrical system. The fire, which reportedly started in one of its wards, caused panic among staff and patients as emergency services rushed to contain the situation.

A fire broke out at the CCU on the third floor of the hospital on Thursday

> **As soon as Code Red was called, all patients were swiftly evacuated to another safe location within hospital premises**
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> – Hopital's official statement on fire breakout

Concerns arise about poor safety standards in hospitals

Recently, there have been several fire outbreaks in Bengaluru hospitals, raising serious concerns about safety standards in hospitals across the city. One significant incident occurred in May 2024 at Raksha Health Care Hospital in Rajanakunte, where a fire broke out due to a short circuit. Fortunately, there were no casualties, but the event drew attention to the lapses in safety protocols, including outdated fire safety equipment.

Families of victims, such as those involved in the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital case, are filing complaints and seeking justice for negligence, holding hospital management responsible. Citizens hope hospital safety would be a top priority to avoid similar tragedies in the future.

Munirathna arrested in rape and honey trap case

BJP MLA N Munirathna was arrested on Friday in connection with allegations of rape and honey trapping, according to police officials. The Kaggalipura police took the MLA into custody as he exited Bengaluru Central Prison after being granted bail on Thursday in two separate cases at the Vyalikaval police station involving accusations of threats and misconduct. Authorities are planning to question the MLA regarding the rape and honey trap allegations, with intentions to present him in court on Saturday.

The First Information Report (FIR) alleged that Munirathna raped a woman social activist, honeytrapped her, recorded the act, and issued threats to ensure her silence. She also alleged that he coerced her into engaging in honey trap schemes with other individuals at various private resorts, stating, "BJP MLA forced me to carry out honey traps and threatened my life."

> **Just as he got out of B'luru Central Prison after being granted bail, police arrested him in a rape case**

The Kaggalipura police have filed an FIR against six associates of Munirathna: Vijaykumar, Kiran, Lohit, Manjunath, Loki, and two others. The victim reported the incident late Wednesday night and provided her statement to Deputy SP Dinakar Shetty. The police registered the case early Thursday under multiple IPC sections, including 354 (A), 354 (C), 308, 406, 384, 120 (B), 504, 506, and 149. Additionally, Munirathna is being charged under the IT Act and the Representation of the People Act. Upon leaving the police station on Thursday, the victim expressed distress and stated that she was not allowed to discuss the case. "I have suffered a lot," she remarked. **–BMB**

IN CITY

Snap protest against strict checking in Central Jail

The City Armed Reserve (CAR) personnel stationed at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison staged a snap protest on Friday, objecting to the intensified security measures implemented by prison officials. The protest followed the introduction of stringent physical checks and frisking protocols, which the CAR personnel described as "humiliating" and a "tedious process."

According to sources, an argument broke out between the prison staff and CAR personnel, who expressed dissatisfaction with being subjected to physical searches before entering the prison premises. These heightened security protocols were introduced following recent breaches in the prison's security, where it was discovered that some prison staff and security personnel were caught smuggling banned items such as mobile phones and drugs into the prison.

Moreover, a few weeks ago, the involvement of both prison staff and external security was discovered when a mobile phone was found with a prisoner. This, along with a viral photo of actor Darshan inside the prison, raised concerns about the prison's security. In response, the prison authorities have now increased checks on all staff, including those managing external security. **–BMB**

Cops register 64 drunk driving cases in 1 day

In a recent operation to improve road safety, the South Division Traffic Police on Thursday carried out an extensive crackdown on drunk driving. During the operation, police screened 6,190 vehicles, resulting in 64 cases being registered against motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol. The initiative was a part of ongoing efforts to reduce accidents and ensure stricter enforcement of traffic regulations. Police officials emphasised the need for such regular checks to maintain order on the city's roads. Legal action will be taken against the violators, reinforcing the importance of adhering to traffic laws. **–BMB**

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After controversy over prasadam, K'taka Milk Federation clarifies it has nothing to do with adulterated ghee, but has now participated in tender process after AP govt request

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In light of allegations regarding adulterated ghee mixed with animal fat used in the preparation of Tirupati laddus, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has been awarded fresh orders to supply ghee for the iconic sweets. Bheema Naik, chairman of KMF and director of Bellary Milk Union, clarified, "KMF has no connection to the substandard ghee supplied, as the allegations target a different company. In fact, KMF's ghee was last supplied to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) in 2020."

Historically, KMF supplied approximately 4,000 metric tons of ghee to TTD annually from 2013 to 2018. In 2019, during the coalition government, this supply was reduced to 1,700 metric tons. Since then, KMF has not provided any ghee to TTD. Naik emphasised that last year, the federation was unable to participate in TTD's tendering process due to the low prices quoted, which did not reflect the quality of their ghee. As a result, TTD sourced ghee at a lower cost from other suppliers, leading to the current issues. Naik pointed out that the Andhra Pradesh government affirmed the original quality of Nandini ghee and requested its procurement. In response, KMF participated in the tender process and emerged as the lowest bidder for an order of 350 metric tons.

TTD is now purchasing ghee from KMF at Rs 475 per kg

"Nandini ghee will be used for Tirupati laddus and expressed readiness to meet any future demand. We have pride in utilising milk sourced from Karnataka farmers for this purpose. The federation remains prepared to supply ghee as tenders are called every quarter," Naik added. It may be noted that TTD is now procuring Nandini ghee at Rs 475 per kg from KMF. The ghee is used to prepare and distribute three lakh laddus daily.

In 2023, BM reported that Nandini ghee would no longer be used for Tirupati laddus, citing an interview with Naik. During last year's interview, Naik had mentioned that they maintain the highest standards for ghee and that Nandini ghee had been used for the laddus until that time. He had explained that, despite their commitment to providing the highest quality ghee, they were unable to supply it at a low cost.

The controversy arose after J Syamala Rao, a senior IAS officer, assumed the role of executive officer at the TTD in June. He initiated measures to improve operations and ordered an investigation into concerns about the declining taste and quality of the prasadam. Rao, who held a press conference on Friday, stated that suppliers exploited the absence of an in-house testing facility and did not utilise external labs effectively. "Recent lab tests revealed the presence of animal fat and lard in samples, leading to heightened scrutiny. The decline in ghee quality stemmed from the lack of testing infrastructure and unreasonable pricing. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had previously raised concerns about the ghee's quality, prompting TTD to warn suppliers of potential blacklisting for substandard products. After discovering that four truckloads of ghee failed quality checks, samples were sent for analysis, confirming adulteration with pig fat. TTD has halted supplies and initiated blacklisting procedures against the contractor, with legal actions to follow." TTD sources noted that while cow ghee was previously procured from the blacklisted contractor at Rs 320 per kg, the trust is now purchasing it at Rs 475 per kg from KMF.

Only Nandini ghee for state temples

Amid the controversy over the laddu prasadam at Tirumala Temple, the Karnataka Muzrai Department has issued an order to all temples under its jurisdiction. The directive mandates the use of 'Nandini' ghee for preparing prasadam. The decision comes as part of efforts to ensure uniformity and quality in the preparation of offerings at temples across the state.

Udayonmukha aids survivors of bonded labour

Udayonmukha, Karnataka's first association for released bonded labourers, is working hard to help people who were once trapped in bonded labour rebuild their lives. Started in December 2019 by former bonded labourers themselves, the group now helps 127 members from nine districts across the state, including Bengaluru, Mysore, and Mandya. Marappa, who was freed from a brick kiln in 2014, is the president of the group, and his wife, Poornima, manages their handicraft business.

The goal of Udayonmukha is to help survivors learn new skills, earn money, and live free, independent lives. They also raise awareness about the problem of bonded labour and work with government officials to prevent it from happening again.

In 2000, young Poornima and her family were sent to work at a brick kiln in Ramnagara due to mounting debts and financial pressures. She recounts her struggle during her pregnancies, "I couldn't sit to cut bricks due to my pregnant belly and even when I pleaded with the owner to go home, he refused to let me go. I had to go alone to the clinic for my tests. There were hardly any prenatal checkups and I had to return to work two months after the children were born. I used to put my children on a mat at the factory and continue working."

Udayonmukha trains its members in different skills like tailoring, making jewellery, and others

Work at the brick kiln was heavy and arduous, it starts at 5.30 am and goes till 7 pm, seven days a week without proper breaks. Poornima pointed out that the owners wouldn't even let them step out of the premises. They were not allowed to go for festivals and other functions. If one went, the others had to stay back. "There were times when we worked whole nights as well. But still, we didn't get time off the next day," she recalled.

Finally in 2014, over six families were rescued by the police and in 2017 the owner was convicted.

Creating jobs and new skills

One of the main ways Udayonmukha helps its members is by providing training in different skills like tailoring, making jewellery, and crafting items such as bags and kitchen towels. These handmade products are sold, and the profits are shared among the survivors, giving them a source of income. Poornima, who runs the handicraft unit, is looking to hire more workers and hopes to provide jobs to others who need them. "I'm happy that I can now provide employment to others," she said.

Helping survivors rebuild lives

Udayonmukha also helps survivors access government programmes such as health cards, ration cards, and pensions, ensuring they get the support they need. "We work closely with government bodies to influence in policy-making and prevent bonded labour from continuing. Not long ago, I was trapped in a brick kiln, but now I'm happy to help others in need," said Marappa.

Showcasing at Soul Sante

On September 22, Udayonmukha will showcase their products at Soul Sante, a popular flea market in Bengaluru. They will sell items like laptop bags, tote bags, and jewellery, and the money earned goes back to helping survivors. The market is known for supporting local artisans and important causes like the fight against bonded labour. The proceeds from this will empower survivors of bonded labourers and human trafficking.

No recording or sharing of court proceedings: High Court

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The Karnataka High Court has issued a note prior to the commencement of live streaming of court proceedings, informing the public about the Karnataka rules on live streaming and recording of Court proceedings. These rules prohibit or restrict the usage of recordings or live streams of court proceedings.

The note was released in response to videos of court proceedings that went viral on social media, in which judges were reported to have made objectionable comments while hearing cases. The note specifically referred to Rule 10 (2), which states that "no person or entity (including print and electronic media, and social media platforms) other than an authorised person or entity shall record, share and/or disseminate Live-streamed Proceedings or Archival Data." This rule also applies to all messaging applications, and any violation will result in prosecution according to the law.

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The note also clarifies that the Court may permit the use of authorised recordings in their original form for disseminating news and for training, academic, and educational purposes. However, these recordings should not be further edited or processed and cannot be used for commercial, promotional, or advertising purposes. Additionally, no person is allowed to use a Recording Device for recording or transcribing the proceedings, except those authorised by the Court.

The BMS College of Engineering (BMSCE) and BMS College of Architecture (BMSCA) organised a grand inauguration ceremony to welcome the first-year BE and B Arch batch of 2024-2025 at the Indoor Stadium, BMSCE Campus. The event was filled with excitement and inspiration as students embarked on their academic journey, with the institution's leaders, faculty, and dignitaries offering words of wisdom and motivation.

Ride safe: Essential gear for bikers

Riding a motorcycle is often synonymous with freedom, speed, and adventure. However, ensuring safety on the road is just as important as the thrill of the ride. Proper safety gear is essential, complementing skilful riding to keep bikers protected. Here's a comprehensive guide on the must-have safety gear for every motorcyclist.

Helmet: First line of defence

A helmet is the most crucial safety accessory for a motorcyclist. Helmets come in various styles, such as full-face, modular, open-face, and off-road, catering to different needs and riding environments. A full-face helmet offers maximum protection by covering the entire head, including the chin and face. When selecting a helmet, make sure it is certified by safety standards like ISI, ensuring it has undergone rigorous testing. Helmets with visors offer added protection, shielding the rider's eyes from dust, debris, and adverse weather conditions. For night riders, helmets with anti-glare or tinted visors can enhance visibility.

Jacket: Beyond style

While many consider a biker jacket a style statement, its primary function is protecting the rider from abrasions, impacts, and harsh weather. A proper motorcycle jacket is usually made from materials like leather, kevlar, or high-quality textiles, which offers durability and resistance to wear and tear. Riding jackets are specially designed with built-in armour or padding in critical areas such as the elbows, shoulders, and spine, offering protection by absorbing impact during a fall.

Gloves: Grip and protection

Motorcycle gloves are essential for maintaining a firm grip on the handlebars. Gloves protect from the weather, preventing your hands from becoming cold or sweaty, both of which can lead to a loss of control. In an accident, hands are often the first part of the body to hit the ground. Wearing gloves with knuckle protectors and palm padding reduces the risk of cuts, bruises, and broken bones. Leather gloves are favoured for their durability, while insulated textile gloves offer added warmth, making them ideal for colder conditions.

Boots: More than just footwear

Riding boots are not just for looks; they play a critical role in protecting the rider's feet, ankles, and lower legs. Normal shoes or sneakers can easily come off during an accident, leaving the rider vulnerable to serious injury. In contrast, proper motorcycle boots are designed with reinforced toe boxes, ankle protection, and slip-resistant soles. Boots also offer a good grip on the bike's footpegs and provide enough flexibility for shifting gears and braking.

Riding pants: Full-body protection

Many riders tend to overlook the importance of proper riding pants, often choosing regular jeans instead. However, standard denim provides minimal protection in the event of an accident. Motorcycle riding pants are made from abrasion-resistant materials like kevlar, cordura, or leather, often featuring armour at the knees and hips for added protection.

Reflective gear: Visibility is vital

One of the biggest risks motorcyclists face is reduced visibility to other road users, particularly in low light or at night. Reflective gear, such as vests, jackets with reflective strips, or even reflective decals on helmets, can significantly improve a rider's visibility. Bright colours and reflective accessories ensure that other drivers can spot motorcyclists from a distance, reducing the risk of accidents. Installing extra lights or reflectors on the bike itself can further enhance visibility.

Knee and elbow guards: Extra armour

For riders who do not wear fully armoured jackets and pants, standalone knee and elbow guards are a must. These guards, made from hard plastic or composite materials, protect the joints from serious injuries in case of a fall.

Back protectors: Spine safety

Many riding jackets come with built-in back protectors, but if not, riders can purchase standalone back protectors that fit under their jackets. These protectors are designed to absorb impact and shield the spine from serious damage.

Essential tips

By investing in proper safety gear, motorcyclists protect themselves and also contribute to safer roads for everyone. Before you hit the road, ensure you are fully equipped with the right gear; it could save your life.

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Proposed second airport bonanza for infra development at Nelamangala

The proposed second airport at Nelamangala, located northwest of Bengaluru, has created a buzz in the real estate market and is poised to have a significant impact on infrastructure development in the region.

The airport is expected to transform the once relatively quiet region into a bustling hub. With better connectivity and infrastructural developments, Nelamangala could become a prime area for real estate investment. Vikram Rao, a Bengaluru-based real estate investor, said, "We have seen it happen before. When the international airport was established in Devanahalli, property prices skyrocketed. I expect the same to happen here. The proximity of Nelamangala to the central areas of Bengaluru gives it a unique advantage. Homebuyers are looking for more affordable housing options outside the city without compromising on connectivity. Nelamangala's strategic location could make it a highly sought-after destination for buyers and investors alike."

Interiors of the newly inaugurated Terminal 2 of KIA (File photo)

Anjali Prasad, another realtor added, "Beyond real estate, the second airport is expected to boost infrastructure development in and around Nelamangala. The government is likely to invest heavily in upgrading these facilities once the project gets underway. With plans for new highways, flyovers, and upgraded public transport options, travel time to the heart of Bengaluru could be significantly reduced. Moreover, the presence of an international airport often leads to the development of supporting infrastructure, including hotels, retail outlets, logistics hubs, and even educational institutions."

Residents are also optimistic about the airport's impact. Swati Narayan, who owns property in the area, said, "It's not just good for business, but also for the people living here. With increased interest from buyers, developers, and the government, Nelamangala could emerge as the next big growth corridor in Bengaluru."

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Activists call for immediate action to restore SWDs

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Department took measures to strengthen the lake bund and remove silt from the lake. "We thank the BBMP Lakes Department for taking up the rejuvenation of the lake. We expected the lake to be brim with rainwater but no rainwater entered through the three inlets as there are no storm water drains that are supposed to carry rainwater to the lake," said Chetan Gopal, a lake activist.

The lake activists wrote letters to the BBMP Storm Water Drains (SWD) Department to identify the missing storm water drains and restore them. In response, the SWD engineer wrote a letter to the revenue department last April to conduct a survey but nothing has happened till date. "I am disappointed that the BBMP SWD engineers failed to identify the storm water drain (around 400 metre-long) between Chikka Belandur and Gunjur Palya Lake," he said.

Sivateja Varma, a lake activist, affirmed that the lack of stormwater drains proved costly for Gunjur Palya Lake. "Excess water from Kodathi, Mallur, and Chikka Bellandur Lakes should flow into the Gunjur Palya Lake. When Gunjur Palya Lake is full, water flows into Varthur Lake. However, Gunjur Palya Lake is not filled with rainwater due to lack of SWDs," said Varma.

Bhavana K, a member of Friends of Lakes, demanded that the Lakes Department and the Storm Water Drains Department coordinate and restore the missing storm water drains as early as possible. "The lake used to attract many birds. Now, the lake is almost empty," said Bhavana.

BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhuprada has said that she has already written a letter to the SWD engineer on the need of restoring the storm water drains to ensure Gunjur Palya Lake is filled with rainwater. "We have been writing letters to the SWD, but the storm water drains are yet to be restored," the executive engineer said.

Development work was carried out at Gunjur Palya Lake premises recently

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Arguably the best filly on the Indian racing circuit, Excellent Lass emerged the best of her age and sex, winning the first classic of the Mysore season, the Mysore 1000 Guineas in resplendent style. The bred in the purple classy lass after winning the richest race for juveniles in the Indian racing calendar, the Poonawalla Multi-Million in Mumbai registered her maiden classic success in the Fillies Championship Stakes in the Bangalore summer season before adding another feather to her classic hat. The star performer from the stables of Rajesh Narredu will next compete in the blue riband of the Hyderabad season, the Deccan Derby scheduled to be held on Oct 2.

Sporting owners Ashok Ranpise and Teja Gollapudi, back after leading in Global Influence, the winner of the HPSL Calcutta Colts Trial Stakes were immensely pleased with the effortless victory of the top filly. "She is in good heart and she has maintained form and that's a good sign," said Ashok Ranpise, while lauding the effort of top gun Suraj Narredu who chose to make every post of the classic mile journey a winning one.

Proud owners Ashok Ranpise (left), Teja Gollapudi and trainer Rajesh Narredu lead in the classic 1000 Guineas winner Excellent Lass piloted by Suraj Narredu

"The champion filly didn't really need to work up a sweat to win this classic, but up against a couple of talented colts in the Deccan Derby she will need to on top of her game and we are confident that she will produce her best on the big day," said Ashok.

Leading saddle artiste Suraj Narredu fresh from his success on Global Influence in Kolkata revealed that Excellent Lass is blessed with an excellent temperament and she is always looking to win," said Suraj adding that her effortless effort at Mysore will help her walk into the parade ring fighting fit for the Hyderabad Derby. "She is the top horse in the yard and each staff member really looks after the `Queen' said the top jockey, who to his credit has booted home more than 100 classic winners.

The champion `Knight' pleased with the performance of the classic winner disclosed that the owners of Excellent Lass deserve the success taking into account that they have invested big in the game. The syndicated ownership is fast gaining prominence and more individual owners are now looking at good sporting syndicates, said Suraj.

Ashok Ranpise while endorsing the view of Suraj said: "Syndicated ownership is here to stay and this actually has provided a new dimension to the sport," said Ashok Ranpise. "Suraj apart, the full team has really worked hard and obtained the desired results and we owners are proud of the team."

Well Excellent Lass in line for her third classic victory is ready for the big one at Malakpet (Hyderabad) and going by the book of form the `Queen' will be hard to down in the city of nawabs on Gandhi Jayanthi day.

This play has a nasty ending

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According to the person's post on X, they stated that the Mumbai Police had sent TRAI a blocking request, and unless the victim could prove their innocence, all numbers registered under their Aadhaar would be permanently blocked.

The fraudster then referenced an FIR number, which sounded official and added legitimacy to the situation. The victim was told their case had been forwarded to the Andheri East police station for further investigation. They were advised to obtain a "clarification letter" from the police to prove that they were not involved in any illegal activity.

Part II of the Act

The victim was transferred to another individual who posed as a police sub-inspector (SI) from the Mumbai Police. This new scammer requested personal details and stated that since the victim couldn't physically appear in Mumbai, a video call would be arranged to record their statement.

The situation escalated when a third scammer, appearing in a police uniform, made a video call via WhatsApp. He spoke in fluent Hindi, and while he appeared professional, the absence of a Marathi accent raised slight suspicions for the victim. The scammer called a supposed head constable and issued orders to "investigate" the case.

In a well-coordinated skit, the head constable then recorded the victim's "statement", and asked for their Aadhaar number. By this point, the victim realised the deception and deliberately provided false details to observe how the scam would unfold.

The fraudulent officers accused the victim of being involved in an illegal case of violence and harassment. The victim eventually confronted the scammers, claiming to have connections within the Vijayapura police department. The scammers hesitated and eventually backed off.

Elaborate

This case is an alarming reminder of the increasing number of scam operations. Unlike earlier tactics, where fraudsters would make blatant attempts to extract money or personal details, these scammers now employ elaborate stories, professional demeanor, and even props like police uniforms to convince unsuspecting individuals. The growing use of technology such as WhatsApp video calls adds another layer of realism to the scam.

A call to action

The experience underscores the need for heightened vigilance. Alok Mohan, IPS DG & IGP chief of police, Karnataka state updated that TRAI has clarified that it never calls or sends messages asking for verification of mobile numbers, reporting illegal activities, or threatening disconnection. Such calls or messages are scams designed to deceive and defraud people. The post also stated that "Beware of such messages or calls in the name TRAI calls/ messages. Calls or messages made in the name of TRAI can lead to fraud. Don't be fooled by such calls." It is essential that the public be educated about such frauds and advised not to fall for suspicious calls, no matter how official they may seem.

If you or someone you know has been scammed, report the incident immediately to the police or on the following website- https://sancharsaathi.gov.in/sfc/ or https://www.cybercrime.gov.in/. Stay cautious, and always double check the authenticity of any such calls or messages claiming to be from official agencies like TRAI.

Hospitals overwhelmed as viral fever cases soar

City is witnessing surge in illness cases, with symptoms resembling dengue and other conditions

The city is witnessing a surge in viral fever cases, with numbers increasing daily and affecting a large segment of the population. Common symptoms include fever, body aches, headaches, extreme fatigue, and joint pain. Alongside the ongoing concern over dengue cases in the state, viral fever has now become a major health issue. Many individuals are suddenly experiencing high temperatures accompanied by headaches and muscle pain.

What was once considered a routine illness is now impacting people of all ages, leading to hospitals, both public and private, struggling to manage the influx of patients. The fever has particularly affected children, resulting in a significant drop in school attendance. As cases continue to rise, parents are increasingly rushing to hospitals to seek treatment for their children.

Medical response and prevention

Dr. Puttaraj, a healthcare expert, emphasised the importance of proper treatment and prevention. "With the rise in viral fever cases, timely treatment is being administered to all patients. Preventive measures such as maintaining personal hygiene, washing hands regularly, avoiding direct contact with sick individuals, and consuming hygienically prepared food are critical. Drinking only safe and clean water is also essential, and in severe cases, immediate medical consultation is advised," he stated.

Challenges in protecting children's health

Experts highlight that viral fevers do not respond to antibiotics, making rest and proper care the primary form of treatment. Along with this, staying hydrated, eating a balanced diet, and ensuring good personal hygiene are key preventive steps. Regular vaccinations and mosquito control efforts also play a crucial role in preventing the spread of viral fever. The intensity of symptoms can vary from mild to severe, with common signs including cold, sweating, headaches, sore throat, cough, body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, exhaustion, and high body temperature. Dehydration is another symptom frequently associated with the illness.

Doctors encountering dengue-like illnesses

Hospitals and clinics in the city are witnessing a rise in patients exhibiting symptoms similar to dengue, though test results are coming back negative for the disease. These cases are being referred to as 'dengue-like illness' by doctors, who are treating patients based on their symptoms. Patients with this condition experience high fever, vomiting, and rashes, which are typical signs of dengue. While confirmed cases of dengue have increased, as verified by laboratory tests, there are instances where patients test negative for dengue despite showing similar symptoms.

A city-based doctor said, "The city is reporting both dengue and dengue-like illness cases. In dengue-like illness, patients exhibit symptoms like decreasing platelets, rashes, nausea, and vomiting, but when tested for dengue, they show negative results. Doctors are conducting comprehensive tests to identify the specific illness causing these symptoms. There are various fevers with overlapping symptoms. The tropical fever test helps differentiate between fevers such as chikungunya, dengue, leptospirosis, scrub typhus, or malaria."

> **"Preventive measures such as maintaining personal hygiene, washing hands, avoiding direct contact with sick individuals are critical**
> – Dr Puttaraj

City hospitals have seen a significant rise in dengue cases. The prolonged rainy season has elevated the risk of vector-borne diseases spreading. Health department officials have indicated that they have implemented preventive measures to curb the spread of these seasonal diseases.

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AD primarily affects individuals over 60, with women more susceptible than men. Unfortunately, it is often mistaken for normal ageing, leading to delays in diagnosis. The disease is linked to the buildup of abnormal proteins like beta-amyloid and tau, which disrupt brain function. While no cure exists, treatments can slow the progression of memory loss and manage symptoms.

Risk factors for AD include age, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, smoking, excessive alcohol use, and social isolation. Early management of these factors can reduce the risk of dementia later in life.

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Diva energy

Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu has decoded diva energy and said it is all about being bold and unapologetically yourself.

Taapsee took to Instagram, where she shared a picture of herself dressed in a white formal suit. To complete her look, she chose to go soft with her make-up and tied her beautiful curly hair into a ponytail.

"Diva energy: Bold moves, big dreams, and being unapologetically yourself," she wrote as the caption.

Earlier this month, it was announced that the actress is joining hands with writer Kanika Dhillon once again for the action thriller christened "Gandhari", which will be helmed by Devashish Makhija, who made "Joram".

According to variety.com, the film has a riveting storyline filled with relentless determination and intense personal stakes, set against the backdrop of gripping mystery and high-powered action. Audiences will see Taapsee Pannu as a fierce mom on a mission," reads the plot description from streaming giant Netflix.

After Anurag Kashyap's "Manmarziyaan", "Haseen Dillruba" and its sequel "Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba", "Rashmi Rocket" and Rajkumar Hirani-directed hit "Dunki", "Gandhari" marks the sixth instance of Taapsee and Dhillon's partnership.

—IANS

In her accent

Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o has opened up about what made her turn back to her Kenyan accent.

She said that she had always had a "complicated relationship" with her voice, Nyong'o said on the first episode of her new podcast 'Mind Your Own': "In order to create this podcast, I had to get very comfortable with my voice.

"I made this pact with myself that I would learn how to sound American in a way that would guarantee me a career in acting, because I didn't know very many people in movies and television with Kenyan accents."

Before starting the press tour for 2013's "12 Years a Slave" she said she called her publicists and told them: "From tomorrow I am going to return to my original accent. I want to send a message that being an African is enough."

—IANS

Absurd fantasy drama

HAGGA

2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Avinash N
- **ACTORS** Anu Prabhakar, Harshika Poonacha, Venu, Tabala Nani, Avinash, Sudha Belawadi
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 131 minutes

Director Avinash N has tried his best to include all aspects such as sentiments, love, action, and computer graphics in this film, but fails to impress as the screenplay is neither crisp nor convincing. The plot of elderly women being killed mysteriously whenever a baby girl is born in the village itself is jarring.

The movie begins with a mysterious man dragging an elderly woman with a rope around her neck and later hanging her and setting her ablaze. The people of Nagekoplu, a remote village in Karnataka, chide the victim's family for flouting the norm – bringing elderly women into the village. Later, the scene shifts to Rama (Venu), the son of Shamanna (Avinash) who is in love with Malli (Priya Hegde). Rama wants to marry Malli but her mother has other ideas. Rama's mother advises him to meet her brother Prakash (Tabala Nani) in Bengaluru. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Rama and what is the role of Anu Prabhakar.

The problem with the movie is that it fails to take off till the intermission. The pre-intermission session neither entertains the audiences nor has any logic. The action scenes are included just to promote the hero (Venu) who looks stoic and needs a lot of training in acting to go further. A scene where Tabala Nani and Venu try to impress girls working at a TV channel is far from convincing and serves no purpose.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, Anu Prabhakar has nothing to do except appearing in three to four scenes. Harshika Poonacha, as a reporter, fails to impress. Avinash, Sudha Belawadi, Priya Hegde provide good support. It is not clear why Tabala Nani accepted to play this character in the movie. He may lose importance and fans, if there are any, if he continues to accept these types of roles. Character artiste Bhavani Prasad is at her best.

All in all, we recommend you catch this movie only if you have no other option to spend your hard-earned money and precious time.

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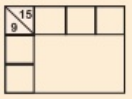

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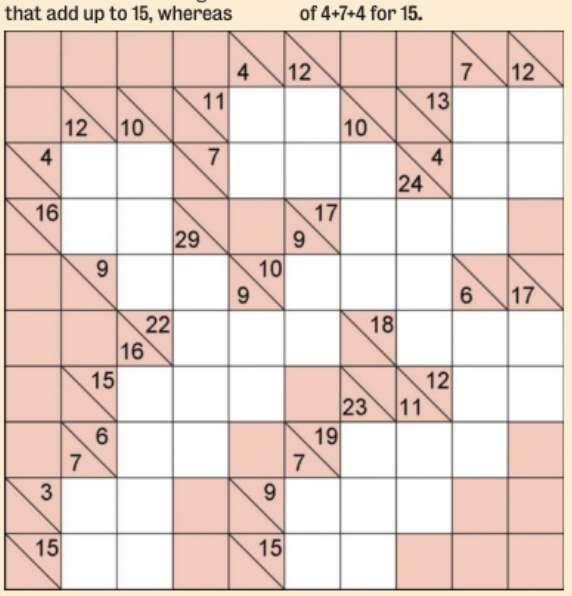

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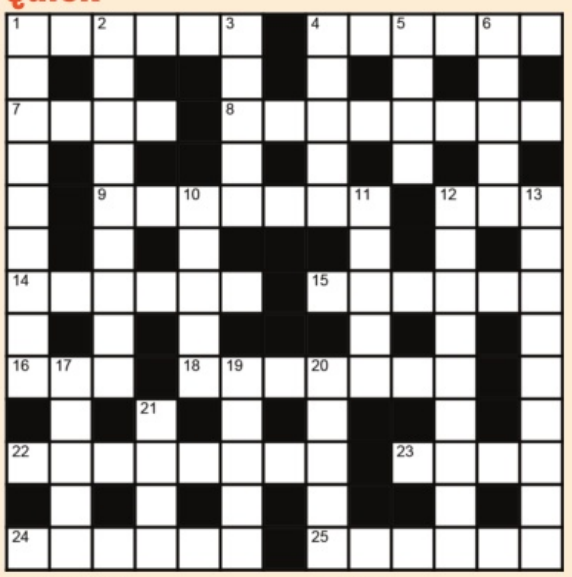


ACROSS

1 Hurt (6)
4 Risk the fortune (6)
7 Leer at (4)
8 Impartial (8)
9 Mike ___ : ex-England cricket captain (7)
12 To cry bitterly (3)
14 Park spanning 300 acres in the Cantonment Area (6)
15 Large vegetable (6)
16 Type of beer (3)
18 Sharp bend (7)
22 Scholastic or collegiate; scholarly (8)
23 Used to be (4)
24 Pupil protector (6)
25 Dining table crockery (6)

DOWN

1 Ancient land of coastal Lebanon and Syria (9)
2 Unable to be read (9)
3 Intimidate or try to cow down (5)
4 Ship's room (5)
5 A long way off (4)
6 Formula of belief (5)
10 Canine or molar (5)
11 Clutch (5)
12 Strict; rigorous (9)
13 Puzzles or confuses (9)
17 Fortuitous (5)
19 Having a gun (5)
20 Sum up (5)
21 Object of worship (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS Y

VMQL WU ZKL AVMFLY JMC'QL HMZ ZM VLZ HYMF.

Linemaro

You must be tired after everything we did in my dream last night

Mindchow

Sucking at something is the first step to being good at something

Joke of the day

I can see five years into the future.
I have 2020 vision

Loop

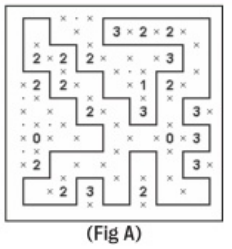
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

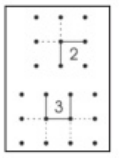
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

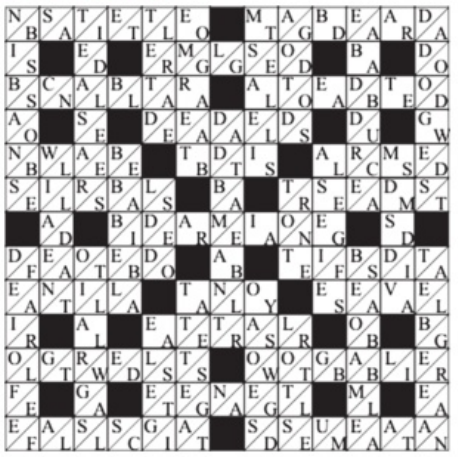


(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed

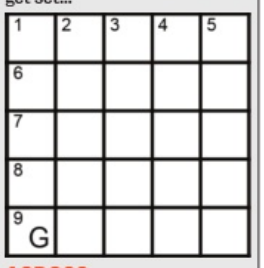
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Rayed; 6 Me EEC; 7 Based; 8 A Erie; 9 Sprig

DOWN

1 Badge; 2 Me ere; 3 I a car; 4 Pride; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

In this alphametic, substitute the digits 0 through 9 to form an addition problem about a U.S. President's former profession.
Let A=2, C = 5, D = 9 and R=8.

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  R O N A L D
+ A C T O R
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  R E A G A N
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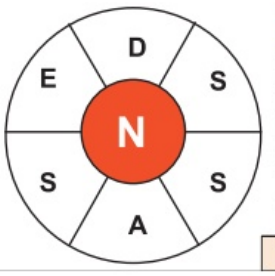
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3			8				9
		7				4	8	
4			1		9	3		6
		3			7			1
			8		3			
7			2			9		
1		8	5		4			3
	9	4				6		
6				3			4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 31
7 7 8 9

Medium = 17
1 2 4 6

Hard = 4
1 7 7 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is moved. 2. Hammer is smaller. 3. Shutter is wider. 4. Windowsill is missing. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Bush is missing.

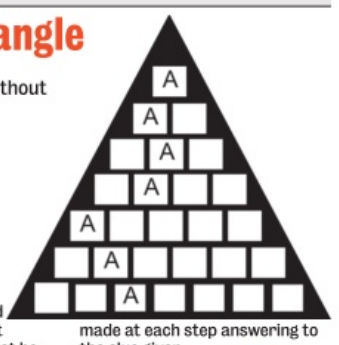
Riddler

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Something that happens –> Level; balanced
2. Portion; divide –> Average or normal amount
3. Light hit in golf –> Place in a location
4. Light hit in baseball –> Small bread loaf

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Prefix meaning without
3 Fled
4 Not any
5 Inda-European
6 One who sings
7 Lawless state



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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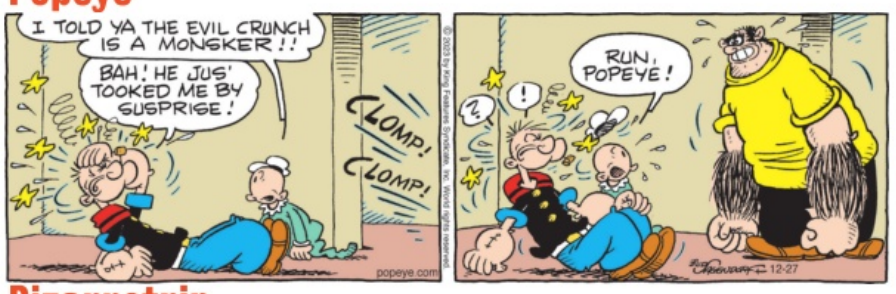
Popeye



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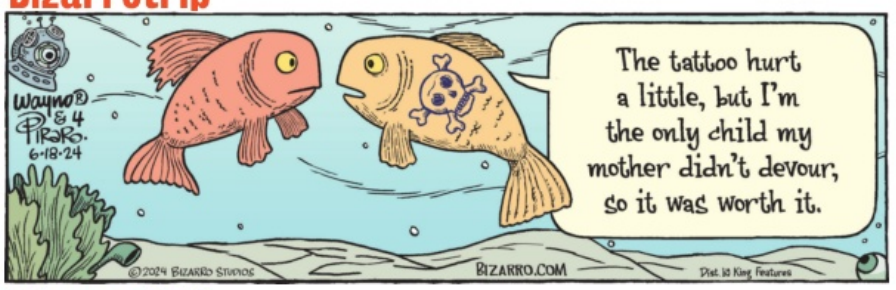
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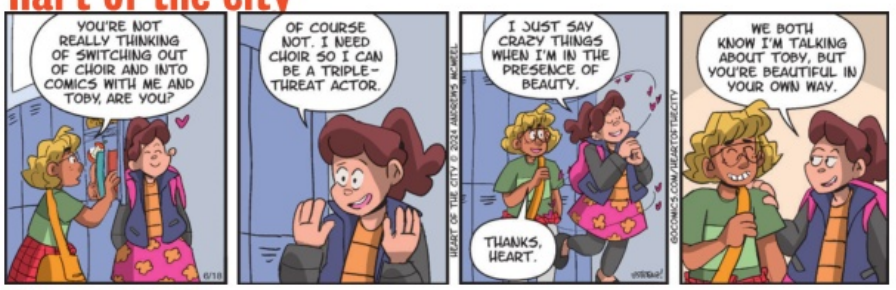
Hart of the city


YOU'RE NOT REALLY THINKING OF SWITCHING OUT OF CHOIR AND INTO COMICS WITH ME AND TOBY, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT. I NEED CHOIR SO I CAN BE A TRIPLE-THREAT ACTOR.
I JUST SAY CRAZY THINGS WHEN I'M IN THE PRESENCE OF BEAUTY.
THANKS, HEART.
WE BOTH KNOW I'M TALKING ABOUT TOBY, BUT YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR OWN WAY.
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Crankshaft

'ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT' IS WITH MASON JARRE AT THE PREMIERE OF THE NEW BLOCKBUSTER STARBUCK JONES MOVIE!
SO, MASON... THE LAST STARBUCK JONES MOVIE WAS 'THE RISE OF THE ZETON WARRIORS,' AND NOW IT'S 'THE RISE OF THE BANDELORIANS'!
WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME?
THIS TIME IT'S THE BANDELORIANS!
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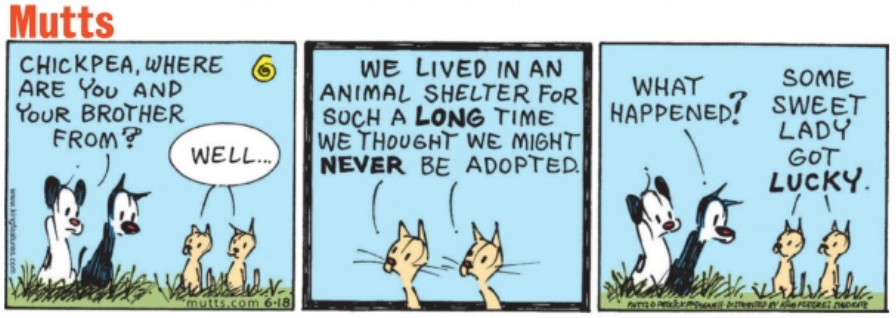
CHICKPEA, WHERE ARE YOU AND YOUR BROTHER FROM?
WELL...
WE LIVED IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER FOR SUCH A LONG TIME WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT NEVER BE ADOPTED.
WHAT HAPPENED?
SOME SWEET LADY GOT LUCKY.
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel good; family harmony may make you happy. You may likely perform well in your job, and you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. You may also meet some influential people to get some benefits in the workplace. Disputes in inherited property are likely to settle down.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear; you may achieve them. Your creativity might improve, and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may make you disappointed. You may also indulge in self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow filtering yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to accept challenges.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel some negativity around you, which may make you upset. You may find your responsibilities a burden and may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may be likely to be delayed; it affects your professional life. You may take advice from your elders or consultant before taking any important decision.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a positive day for you; you may get success from your hard work on the professional front. You may have a good focus, and you may complete your work before time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to get some inherited assets. You may perform with patience on the work front, which may increase your efficiency. You may be polite with the people around you. You may put less effort into day-to-day work, and you may use your communication skills to get new business in terms of progress on the work front.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment in work and domestic life. Parents' health has improved now. You may hear some good news from your siblings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel unhappy. Some old health issues may arise, which may make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless stuff. You are advised to control your short temper. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics; otherwise, they might breakup.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are likely to enjoy your domestic and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the completion of your work smoothly. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in jobs may get promotions.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy on the work front, but with the help of the elder's blessings, you are likely to implement some new innovations in the work. You may be ethical and follow rules in your dealings with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and inner strength.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be satisfied with your responsibilities at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious place to maintain your inner peace and positivity. Your guides may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull; it is advised to keep your mind cool. It's a golden rule for you to think twice before you act. You may be travelling to recover your money. You may also be attracted to the occult. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

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1/3 x 9/3 / 1/3 x 9/1= (1/1)/(1/3)= 3
(3/1)(9/1) = 27

BULL'S EYE
dean, SANENESS, sand, sane, sedan, send

FAST FIVE

G	R	I	P	S
A	E	R	I	E
B	E	A	D	S
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D	E	A	R	Y

RIDDLER
1. Event -> Even,
2. Part -> Par,
3. Putt -> Put &
4. Bunt -> Bun

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE

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+ 2 5 4 0 8
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8 3 2 6 2 7

QUOTE UNCODE
Love is the flower you've got to let grow.

SUDOKU

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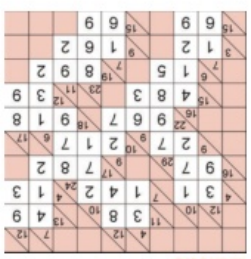
9	1	7	3	5	6	4	8	2
5	3	6	4	8	2	1	7	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, An, Ran, Nary, Aryan, Canary, Anarchy.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 7 + 9 + 7 = 31
Medium
2 x 6 + 1 + 4 = 17
Hard
7 / 7 + 4 - 1 = 4

LOOP

KAKURO



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